

## BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MARYLAND IMPRINTS

An Annotated Bibliography of Books, Newspapers and Broadsides

Printed in Maryland from

1777 to 1790

HE purpos imprints, tain legal is used in period be

HE purpose of this bibliography is to list all Maryland imprints, with the exception of paper money and certain legal forms and writs. A full bibliographical entry is used in describing the output of the press in this period because the bibliography has been designed as a guide and check list for book collectors and librarians as well as for students interested in the political, social

and intellectual history of the state. In describing the imprints in this bibliography the compiler has followed with a few minor changes the form and method used by Lawrence C. Wroth in his *History of Printing in Colonial Maryland*.

- 1. The title is given in sufficient fullness to show the subject. The line endings are indicated and the capitalization, punctuation and spelling have been reproduced as they appear in the original. All descriptive words introduced by the compiler are enclosed in square brackets.
- 2. The imprint is given as it appears on the title page. Unnecessarily long colophons in newspapers and almanacs are shortened by the use of ellipses where omissions do not materially effect the value of the imprint. When the imprint or date of publication are supplied by the compiler, they are enclosed in square brackets.
- 3. The collation includes the format as determined by the fold of the paper; the signature sequence indicated by the "algebraic" method in which the capital letter represents the gathering and the superior number shows the number of leaves in that gathering; the total number of leaves; the pagination; and the leaf measure in inches for the convenience of the vast majority of book users who do not visualize in the metric system.
- 4. A short note of the contents and a biographical sketch of the author have been given when the importance of the item warranted this treatment.
- 5. Reference has been made to the standard bibliographies of Americana which mention the imprint. The following abbreviations have been used:
  - Benedict—Acts and Laws of the thirteen original colonies and states... of Hon. Russell Benedict. American Art Association. Feb. 27, 1922.
  - Brigham, American Newspapers—Brigham, Clarence, Bibliography of American Newspaper, 1690-1820 in Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society. Now being revised to be published in book form.